

## IN THE FIELD OF RELIGION

Missionary Situation in Japan Remains Very Grave.

BISHOP OF HAVANA SAILS.

Reformed Church Missionary Movement in America—Christian Endeavorers and the London Convention.

The committee appointed by the New York Presbytery, charged with the task of introducing Prof. Arthur C. McGiffert, of Union Seminary peacefully to withdraw from the ministry of the Presbyterian Church has failed in the undertaking. Prof. McGiffert will not withdraw. The reasons he gives are conscientious ones. He declares his now famous book has been wrongly interpreted. The Presbyterian General Assembly has twice condemned the book, and only referred the matter back to the Presbytery in the hope that Prof. McGiffert could be induced to withdraw and a heresy trial averted. The committee mentioned will now, it is authoritatively stated, refer the matter back and recommend its Presbytery to ask the General Assembly for further instructions before beginning a trial. The Presbytery is free either to so refer it or begin a trial at once. There is held to be no doubt that the General Assembly will order the trial if the case reaches it. The Union professor and the committee, which presented the General Assembly's fourfold doctrinal deliverance, was able to agree upon but one of them. Presbyterian pastors everywhere are deploring the now probable outcome, the liberals because they think their church ought not to be so narrow and the orthodox because they fear for revival work, and both because they dread the acrimony of another trial.

THE BIBLE INSTITUTE. An American Bible Institute has just been organized by Protestant Episcopal clergy. It had its rise in the diocese of Long Island but already has members in St. Louis, St. Paul, Chicago, Buffalo, Louisville, Pittsburgh and many other cities. It is made up of clergy belonging to the great middle class, neither High Church or High Critics, who think that their Church is likely to be injured by the admission of such men as Prof. Briggs and who yet think that efforts so far made to convert their influence have been fruitless. They disclaim any quarrel with any party, and declare they are not narrow in the sense that they fear new discoveries about the Bible. They say, however, that there are certain things that are settled, and declare that the tendency of some men to their own body to upset them by sensational methods. Methods proposed to be followed by the Institute are the holding of courses of lectures by their own members and by rectors in sympathy with them, and they believe, that these lectures are given, perhaps during the Advent season, for several years that alarm will be abated on the one hand and fidelity on the other. Courses of lectures are to be given in Cleveland, St. Paul, Buffalo, Brooklyn and several other cities during the approaching Advent season and others are being planned. The president of the institute is the Rev. Robert Weeks.

The Mission of the Holy Trinity, the Protestant Episcopal effort in the Philippines is situated at the corner of Calle Real and Calle Division, within a hundred yards of the sea, and within a stone's throw of the Malacañan Palace. The house consists of sitting room, dining room, three bedrooms and hall. Below are four bedrooms, all used by the soldiers. One is for reading and writing, another for games and a third and fourth for sitting rooms. On Sundays the two latter are thrown into one for the services. These consist of Holy Communion at 8:30 in English, Holy Eucharist and sermon at 10:30 in Spanish, Morning Prayer and sermon at 10:30 and Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30. In addition services are conducted in different parts of the city, chiefly in hospitals. Three priests are laboring all the time, a fourth part of the time and one layman is employed. Much of the work consists in hospital visiting, letter writing for the sick, and saying services for the dead. The daily services are well attended and the presence of the missionaries is a source of comfort to the soldiers. In the absence of regular chaplains, priests stationed at the Mission have lately been serving at Malolos, Culumpi, San Fernando and Angeles.

SITUATION AT GUAM. A missionary just returned from Guam says in reference to the report that Military Governor Leary has banished the Ladronez from the island that it matters little what action in this direction is now taken. The only religious body in the island is the Jesuits having work there, and this authority says that Congregationalists, have twice as many members in the Ladronez as have the Roman Catholics, although they have been there but three years while the Jesuits have been there since 1602. Congregationalists have three churches in Manila and have been despoiling churches in Manila and appealed to President McKinley, only to be told by returning chaplains belonging to their own religious body that American soldiers had not been guilty of the charge, has now set itself a new and less harmful task.

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say they are now quite competent to educate their own youth and convert their own heathen. The threatening condition involves money interests as well as educational ones. Affairs of American missionary effort there are far from being on a safe basis. The mild restrictions promulgated a few weeks ago are said to be construed by the missionaries as a partial letter. A crisis in Japan missions is on. A conference is also about to be held by those who are responsible for the management of theological seminaries. Congregationalists are taking the initiative, but seminaries of all religious bodies have become interested. The purpose is to bring the curriculum of seminaries up to modern requirements by instituting courses in pedagogy, sociology, psychology, finance, etc. There will also be an effort made to see how educated Sunday school teachers may be had. The minister who cannot tell how to bring his school out of the rut into which it has fallen is not scarce, and the teacher in schools who knows little about the Bible and less about the particular lesson is not scarce either. Opinion on these and similar topics having to do with practical affairs in the ministry and in the academies in the nation is exchanged rapidly. Hence the proposed conference.

SAILED FOR SPAIN. The Bishop of Havana, who resigned not long since, sailed next week for Spain. On the evening of his departure he has sent to all bishops in this country a copy of his pastoral letter. This letter, bidding his Cuban priests alike, ignores Archbishop Chappelle completely. It calls upon Catholics of Cuba and especially of Havana to use their utmost endeavors to continue their island a "Daughter of the Church," if no longer a daughter of Spain. High claims are made in behalf of Roman Catholic spirituality, education and morals, and praise the work of the Church in Cuba during the last four centuries. It repeats the statement of the Propaganda at Rome setting forth the views of the American hierarchy. It was prepared at the recent meeting of the American Archbishops at Washington and expresses the judgment in respectful terms of course, that an American priest or bishop will best serve the Church and the people in the position, which for the next few years will be one of great difficulty.

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## SOCIAL SEASON IN MOUNTAIN CITY

Weddings, Card Parties and Teas in Staunton.

FINE CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

Staunton Loses a Good Citizen in the Return of Mr. Charles C. Berry to Baltimore—The Armistead Hunting Club.

STAUNTON, VA., Nov. 4.—Special.—The social season has begun in earnest, and weddings, cards parties, receptions, and teas follow each other in quick succession.

Judge and Mrs. Gratton have issued cards to the marriage of their youngest daughter, Minnie Watson, to Mr. Gilmore Weston, at the First Presbyterian church, November 8th.

Mrs. R. N. Blackford gave a beautiful winter party Monday afternoon. The prizes, a handsome silk work-bag, was won by Miss Lucy Kibby.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was the Halloween party given by Miss Emma Hoge.

In spite of pouring rain a large number was present. The party was given to the members of the "Ente Nous Club."

The house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums of every hue. Fruit and candies were found everywhere, and the most delicious refreshments served at 11 o'clock.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The deacons and ladies of the First Presbyterian church have just completed some handsome improvements to both church and manse.

Among the most comfortable and handsome in the city. Several thousand dollars were spent on them, and the results are most gratifying.

Staunton is about to lose one of her most progressive and valuable business men, Mr. Charles C. Berry, who came here from Baltimore twenty years ago. He was in the shoe business, but retired Tuesday. He goes back to Baltimore as a member of the old firm of Berry Brothers & French.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mrs. Arthur Dickinson and Miss Ethel Dickinson, formerly of Richmond, have gone to Baltimore for the winter.

Rev. Dr. Clappett, of St. Peter's church, Baltimore, will begin a mission in Emmanuel Episcopal church November 12th.

Miss Louise Powell, a graduate of St. Luke's, Richmond, left yesterday for New York to take a post graduate course. The Armistead Hunting Club, of Charlottesville, came yesterday and last night to go on their annual hunting expedition.

Captain John N. Ogle's book, "A Rebel Cavalryman with Lee, Stuart, and Jackson," is out at last. It will be well received by the old Confederates.

The As You Like It Club was delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. James R. Taylor, Jr. Seven hand cards were the order of the day. Among the guests was Mrs. Virginia Hall, of Richmond.

Is Religion Declining? Professor Lombroso, the noted Italian criminologist, has declared it to be his opinion that "the world is turning rapidly" to positivism, to the neglect of the influence of the church on education and on politics. With this pessimistic view of things we cannot agree. The trouble probably lies in the professor's angle of vision. If he were looking eastward upon the world from America instead of Italy he would be in a more hopeful frame of mind. He would find no one here to coincide with him, unless it might be Mr. Atkinson and his longshore following. As a matter of fact, religion in its largest and broadest sense, was never so influential a factor in every department of American life as it is to-day. In the sphere of education, for example, we have the notable fact of the great growth of the most successful educational institutions in America, with scarcely an exception, are either conducted under the auspices of some religious denomination or closely allied with one of them. Many of them have doctors of divinity as their chief executive officers.

This is true of such famous and influential institutions as Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Brown, Chicago, Syracuse, California, Tufts, and Colgate Universities, and such colleges as Amherst, Bowdoin, Oberlin, Hamilton, Rutgers, Union and Williams, and a long line of others of equal fame and educational prestige. In all of these institutions the church is recognized in a definite and positive way, and the influence of religion is openly acknowledged as a powerful and necessary educational factor in the life of students. This is true of so-called non-sectarian institutions, such as Amherst and Brown, as well as of those related to, and under the domination of, such as Bowdoin and Rutgers. In no college or university in America has agnosticism gained a foothold, nor religion in any of its forms met with favor. In all of them students are taught reverence for the Bible and for the forms of faith founded upon it. No institution could be sustained in America where a contrary course was followed.—Lester's Weekly.

Gold and Silver Not So Precious. Gold and silver do not cut so large nor so important a figure in the mineral production of the world as it is popularly supposed. Like diamonds and other precious stones, the real value of these metals grows relatively less and less as the demands of the world increase for things that may be turned to general and practical uses. Pig-iron, steel ingots, and copper ore are more potent factors in the march of modern civilization than gold and silver. A glance at the figures of the recent official report of the mineral production of the United States for 1898 illustrates this. The amount of pig-iron produced in the year was 11,775,341 tons, and of steel ingots 6,009,037 tons, the largest output on record. The copper produced amounted to 525,225 tons, valued at \$2,396,125, while the comparatively little known but highly useful metal known as aluminum figures in the returns at \$2,000,000 pounds, with a value of \$1,715,000. The value of all metallic products in 1898 was \$2,966,125, as compared with \$2,018,662 in 1897, a gain of \$1,947,463. In this total for 1898 the value of the gold and silver together was only about \$100,000,000, or less than a third. All of the metals except nickel made large gains, copper, lead, zinc, aluminum, and antimony reaching their maximum in both productions and value. It is interesting to note in this same report that so unattractive a substance as borax was produced to the extent of 16,000,000 pounds, valued at \$1,125,000, while the production of precious stones of all kinds amounted in value to only \$100,530.—Lester's Weekly.

A Hoigh Flyer. There was a young man in the choir, Whose voice rose up high and hoar, Till so high it did soar, You could hear it no more, And 'twas found next day on the spire.

That Mormon Business. First Utah Reporter—Dobbsley's got nervous prostration. Second Utah Reporter—Has he? What's the matter? First Reporter—The city editor sent him to interview Mrs. Roberts and forget to tell him to do it one at a time.—New York Press.

To give an alarm when the water gets low in boilers a new apparatus is formed of a steel cup set in the crown sheet over the fire-box, the cup containing a fusible plug which connects with a steam whistle which is put in operation when the water is evaporated from the cup and the plug melts.

NEW YORK HORSE SHOW, Via C. & O. and Old Dominion Steamship Route. On November 11th the C. & O. Ry. will sell round-trip tickets from Richmond to New York at \$11, or one way ticket at \$5.

Both rates include meals and state-room on the steamer. Special hotel rates in New York, on European and American plan, for those going this route. C. & O. train leaving Richmond at 5:45 P. M. November 11th, will connect with Old Dominion steamship at Norfolk, reaching New York on the following afternoon.

For further information apply at C. & O. Passenger Office, 909 East Main street.

HORSE SHOW. New York City, November 13th to 18th 1899. For parties of ten or more traveling together on one ticket, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company will issue party tickets from Richmond to New York at rate of \$9.94 per capita one way, or \$13.68 per capita for the round trip. For further information apply to ticket agent, Byrd-Street station or W. F. TAYLOR, Traffic Manager.

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New York, Nov. 13 to 18.

The Old Dominion Steamship Company takes pleasure in announcing that its sixth annual personally conducted excursion from Richmond to New York at the time of the National Horse Show, to be held in Madison Square Garden on the above dates, will leave Richmond, Saturday, November 11th.

Party will leave at 3:45 P. M. via the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, or by Richmond and Petersburg, and Norfolk and Western railroads, at 9 A. M., connecting with express steamer of the Old Dominion Line at Norfolk, and arriving at Pier 26, North River, New York, Sunday afternoon about 4 P. M.

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16 bars Special Soap for 25c.  
Seeded Raisins, 1 lb. box 10c.  
Fresh Pork Hams, 8c pound.  
Sweet Chocolate, 5c cake.  
Frankfort Sausage, 3 lbs for 25c.  
New Virginia Buckwheat, 4c lb.  
Best New Crop New Orleans Molasses, 40c gallon.  
Fresh Roasted Peanuts, 4c quart.  
Smoked Country Jowls, 5c lb.  
Flake Hominy, 3c lb.  
Best Cream Cheese, 15c lb.  
Standard Granulated Sugar, 5c pound.  
Arbuckle's Ariosa Coffee, 10c lb.  
Large Irish Potatoes, 18c Peck.  
California Yellow Crawford Peaches, 10c.  
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2 pounds Apple Butter for 5c.  
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